

House File 139

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BY KAUFMANN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the personal needs allowance for Medicaid
2 recipients.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1431YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 249A.30A, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 249A.30A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE == PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE ==
1 4 COST OF LIVING INDEX.

1 5 The personal needs allowance under the medical assistance
1 6 program, which may be retained by a recipient of medical
1 7 assistance who is a resident of a nursing facility,
1 8 intermediate care facility for persons with mental
1 9 retardation, or intermediate care facility for persons with
1 10 mental illness, as defined in section 135C.1, or who is a
1 11 resident of a psychiatric medical institution for children as
1 12 defined in section 135H.1, shall be fifty dollars per month.
1 13 However, beginning January 1, 2008, and each subsequent
1 14 January 1, the personal needs allowance for such residents
1 15 shall be increased in an amount which is based upon the most
1 16 recent cost of living adjustment announced by the United
1 17 States social security administration for the purpose of
1 18 determining social security benefits.

1 19 EXPLANATION

1 20 This bill provides for a personal needs allowance of \$50 to
1 21 be retained by Medicaid recipients who are residents, not only
1 22 of nursing facilities but of intermediate care facilities for
1 23 persons with mental retardation, intermediate care facilities
1 24 for persons with mental illness, and psychiatric medical
1 25 institutions for children. Additionally, the bill provides
1 26 for an increase in the personal needs allowance, annually on
1 27 January 1, in an amount that is based upon the most recent
1 28 cost of living adjustment announced by the federal social
1 29 security administration.
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